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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN PRIORITY  
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: BEXP, SA,

SUBJECT: IOWA STATE IOGA

REF: DHAHRAN 288

1. USDOC REGRETS ANY CONFUSION WHICH APPARENTLY EXISTS  
REGARDING THE SAUDI SCHEDULE FOR THE SUBJECT  
MISSION.

2. IN THE INITIAL PLANNING STAGES FOR THIS MISSION, IT  
WAS ANTICIPATED THAT PERHAPS THAT AT LEAST HALF OF THE  
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PROJECTED EIGHT TO TEN MISSION PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE  
REPRESENTING AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT  
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PRODUCT LINES, AND THE REMAINING MISSION PARTICIPANTS WOULD  
BE REPRESENTING CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT LINES. WITH THAT  
POSSIBILITY IN MIND, TENTATIVE PLANS FOR THE SAUDI PORTION  
OF TRIP INDICATED THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO SPLIT

THE MISSION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT GROUP TO WORK IN JIDDA/RIYADH AND THE OTHER IN DHAHRAN. THE FINAL DECISION ON THE SCHEDULE COULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL THE FINAL MISSION COMPOSITION WAS DETERMINED.

3. THIS WEEK MISSION MEMBERSHIP WAS COMPLETED. NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS, FIRMS AND PRODUCTS PROVIDED IN SEPTEL. MISSION MEMBERS ARE MOST INTERESTED IN JIDDA AND DHAHRAN. MISSION MEMBERS AND ORGANIZERS LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF GREEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF IOWA (REF DHAHRAN 213) WHICH THEY BELIEVE WILL BE VALUABLE CONTACT TO THEM IN THE AREA.

4. ADDITIONALLY, SHOULD GOVERNOR RAY ACCOMPANY THE MISSION, AND THIS DECISION NOT FIRM YET, HE AND SOME OF THE GROUP WOULD PLAN TO FLY DIRECT FROM DHAHRAN TO FRANKFURT. INFORMATION ON GOVERNOR RAY'S PARTICIPATION FOLLOWS ASAP.

5. MAX OLSON ADVANCE SCHEDULE FOR SAUDI ARABIA ISREVISED ONCE MORE, IN SPITE OF COMMERCE STRONG URGINGS AGAINST CHANGES OF ANY NATURE PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF HORRENDOUS LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS. IOWA PEOPLE SIMPLY UNABLE COMPREHEND SERIOUSNESS OF HOTEL SHORTAGES, DIFFICULTIES OF TRAVELING IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD, AND THE NECESSITY OF JUDICIOUSLY COMMITTING POST RESOURCES. REVISED SCHEDULE: MARCH 21 LV. KHARTOUM, ME 375, 6:45 AM, AR. JIDDA 9:45 AM; MARCH 23 LV. JIDDA SV 958, 7:30 AM, AR. DHDHRAN 11:05 AM; MARCH 25 LV. DHAHRAN LUFTHANSA 625, UNCLASSIFIED

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